

The Peale, Baltimore

Out of the Blocks Storytelling Series

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Mac Traore ([00:09](#)):

I'm from the Ivory Coast, also known as Cote d'Ivoire. I came to the United States because it was war in the Ivory Coast, and so we were a target of the government when everything start going down.

My name is Mac Traore, that's T-R-A-O-R-E, CEO of Connection Recording Studio on 4732 Liberty Heights Avenue. We are a socially-conscious entertainment company.

Brian ([00:39](#)):

Mac is a, he's a very genuine person.

Mac Traore ([00:42](#)):

Brian is, first and foremost, a friend.

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